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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement adopted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic on 7 February 1993 in connection with the new acts of aggression perpetrated by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement of 7 February 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan

On 6 and 7 February, having disrupted the relative calm at the front, elements of an Armenian expeditionary force backed by armoured vehicles seized seven villages in the northern part of Upper Karabakh in the Azerbaijani Republic. The population in areas bordering the Kazakh District were exposed to heavy shelling from Armenian territory.

Having informed the whole world of its alleged plight, Armenia is continuing its war of aggression against sovereign Azerbaijan. It is obvious that Armenia, in an effort to appear the innocent victim in the eyes of the international community, has absolutely no interest in a peaceful settlement of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict. Requests for assistance to the Republic, which is being "suffocated by the blockade and the energy crisis", are being used by Armenia only to cover its own aggressive aims, as the events of recent days show.

Armenia is using the so-called humanitarian aid it receives from abroad not to solve the social and economic problems of the Republic and its own people but to continue its aggressive war of conquest against Azerbaijan.

Such acts by the Armenian side do not promote the search for a political settlement to the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict and may thwart the peacemaking efforts of the organizers of the Minsk conference of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in the framework of which a new round of talks is scheduled to be held in Rome on 22 February.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic calls upon all States to condemn Armenia's aggressive policy, demand the withdrawal of its occupying troops from Azerbaijani territory, and end the bloody war in Azerbaijan.